

# BEDFIELD & MONK SOHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 25/7

1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

## Friends of Bedfield Heritage composting toilet – last chance to support the application.

The Friends of Bedfield Heritage are planning to build a fully accessible, composting toilet at St Nicholas Church, Bedfield.

A planning application has been submitted to Mid-Suffolk District Council.

Please use this link [Planning Application DC/25/01110](https://www.mid-suffolk.gov.uk/planning-application/dc/25/01110) to view and make comment on the application.

**All comments must be received by the District Council by 2 April 2025.**

## Next Our Club Meeting, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

# Our Club

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm  
The Hub, Bedfield  
'The Mobile Shed'

**Please note the change of day for this event.**

Join us for a presentation about the concept of Men's sheds and the journey into Mobile sheds. We are hoping to 'have a go' too. This is a new venture, please come and support them to help them on their journey.

Refreshments and chat available as always.

**Our Club is open to everyone regardless of where you live, everyone welcome.**

**Debbie – 07872 299490 Claire – 07444 535183**

**With thanks to both Mid Suffolk Council and the Community Club for their support for Our Club.**

## Two consultations that you can respond to:

### **1. Mid Suffolk's Community Involvement – Notification of planning applications**

New housing is often a matter causing local debate. Mid Suffolk District Council is consulting on proposed changes to the way it consults residents on planning applications. The rationale behind the changes can be found by following the link [Planning Consultations - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk.gov.uk)

If you wish to take part in the consultation by submitting your response, the survey form is available [here](#) or by using the QR code on the right.



### **2. Suffolk County Council consultation on Devolution**

Suffolk's 50-year-old two-tier council structure is set to change with the government proposing to abolish county, borough and district councils and replace them with a new unitary council arrangement and a directly elected mayor. You will probably have seen or heard about it.

You can read about the proposed changes [here](#) and express your views on the proposal [here](#).

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### **Bedfield Yard Sale, 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Are you interested in taking part in a yard sale in Bedfield on Saturday  
24th of May 2025?



If so, please contact either Emma Rodwell on 07717 188468 or  
Winnie Shaw on 01728 685491 for further details.

## **Bedfield & Monk Soham Mystery Meal**

We are planning to hold this event on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, the Summer Solstice. The event is a four-course meal; you take part as a couple, hosting one course for yourselves and three other couples. At the end of each course, each couple moves on to a different venue for the next course. You should not meet the same couple twice during the evening. A fun event and a chance to meet old friends or make new ones.

The event can only take place if enough people participate; to register interest or for more information, **please email [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com)**.

## **Waveney Food Bank**

The Waveney Food Bank supports individuals and families in this area. If you would like to support their efforts, the most wanted items can be found on their website at <https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk> You can drop off donations on a Tuesday morning or whenever the Hub is open. You can also make a small cash donation via the Community Club, see below...

## **Community Hub Book and Seed Swap**



The Community Hub has just been reorganised. It contains over 500 books available and also hosts the Gardening club Seed Swap. There are a number of DVDs too. The room also houses the Information Hub, where any relevant booklets, leaflets and other local information is displayed.

All the books and seeds are **free** to take away; if you choose to make a small cash donation then **all the money is passed on to the Waveney Food Bank**.



## **A message from Bedford Townlands Trust**

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that general garden waste has been dumped on the allotment site owned by The Bedford Townlands Trust on Long Green.

We would like to remind residents that this land is private, and access is only to allotment and field renters.

Please respect this.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Bedford Townlands Trust

## **REMINDERS:**

More details were in the previous newsletter.

## **St.Nicholas Church Flower Festival, 20 - 22 June**



St Nicholas Church Bedford  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
20th-22nd June 2025

Are you a flower arranger, artist, crafter,  
musician.... who would like to participate  
in our festival?

The theme is **Children's  
Literature Through Time**

so plenty of scope to interpret your favourite book, bedtime  
story, nursery rhyme, poem etc.

If you or an organisation you belong to is interested contact  
Barbara Corbett on 01728 628337 or mob. 07907 621349.

Musicians contact Debbie Pritchard on 07827 299490

**We would really love to have local children and young people  
take part.**

## **Bedford & Monk Soham Fete**

This year's fete will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, and planning has already begun and promises to be a fun afternoon for all the family.

We are always looking for different ideas for stalls or activities. Please contact us at [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com) if you have any thoughts or suggestions. If you can offer some time to help before, during or after the Fete, or help with the planning, please let us know.

## Regular events

The Care Café is on the first and third Monday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is free of charge and especially for carers and “cared for”, the bereaved and lonely.

The Post Office in **Bedfield** is open every Tuesday morning from **9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.** in the Community Hub.

The pop-up Coffee Shop also opens every Tuesday from **10.00 a.m. to 12 noon**. Scones are always available to eat in or takeaway including Gluten free fruit scones.

As well as having free internet access, there is also a laptop available for use at the Hub.

The Hub is a collection point for the Waveney Foodbank. The most wanted items can be found on their website at <https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk> You can drop off donations on a Tuesday morning or whenever the Hub is open.

The Hub also has a large collection of books that you can take **free of charge**. If you choose to make a small cash donation for any books you take, we pass it **all** on to the **Waveney Foodbank**. The Hub also hosts the Garden Club Seed Swap.

The Hub hosts recycling facilities: a fabric bank and bottle banks are located on the field, and battery recycling facilities are available inside the Hub.

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**If you are planning an event or have information to share**, please details to [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com) for inclusion and to Lisa at [lisaj1976@gmail.com](mailto:lisaj1976@gmail.com) for inclusion on the websites. It's all free and helps your event reach a wider audience.

The **village websites**, [bedfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://bedfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) and [monksohamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://monksohamparishcouncil.gov.uk) contain all the village information you need. As well as Parish Council information, they carry many updates on local matters, links to clubs and groups, village facilities....and much more. Thanks to Lisa for keeping them up to date.